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SUBJ: IRCA: SALE OF GM LOCOMOTIVES; CURRENT STATUS OF GOES'
INTERVENTION

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4289

1. DR. ORTIZ MANCIA AND LIC. BATISTA MENA INFORMED COMATT
14 JANUARY THAT GENERAL MOTORS HAS EXTENDED TIME LIMIT FOR
GOES' PURCHASE OF GM LOCOMOTIVES THROUGH JUNE 30, 1974 AND
THAT ECONMIN HIDALGO QUEHL IS SENDING A LETTER ACCEPTING GM'S
TERMS AND COMMITTING GOES TO BUY THE LOCOMOTIVES BEFORE THAT
DATE.

2. REFERRING TO GOES' INTERVENTION OF IRCA, LIC. BATISTA MENA
STATED THAT GOES HAD BEEN OBLIGED TO SEND ACTING MANAGER DIAZ
GAITAN A LETTER IN WHICH GOES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE "FINAL
DECISIONS" ON ALL MATTERS REGARDING POLICY.

3. THIS LETTER WAS ALSO SENT TO THE 30 MOST IMPORTANT IRCA
EMPLOYEES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE PERSONNALLY INFORMED INTERVENTOR
ING. SILVA THAT THEY WOULD ABIDE BY IT.

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4. BATISTA MENA SAID THAT THE GOES WAS "FORCED" TO DO THIS

BECAUSE OF DIAZ GAITAN'S "DELIBERATE ATTEMPTS TO THWART THE
GOES ACTIONS AND TO CREATE BAD FEELING AMONG THE EMPLOYEES".
HE ALLEGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
ROUTINE MANAGEMENT OF IRCA'S DIFFERENT SECTIONS BUT ONLY IN MATTERS
OF IMPORTANCE AS TRANSFER OF OFFICES, FIRING OF PERSONNEL,
SALE OF FURNITURE, ETC.

5. BATISTA MENA ALSO SAID THAT DIAZ GAITAN WAS "FRUSTRATED"
BECAUSE NEW YORK HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO APPOINT HIM TO REPLACE
THE LATE GENERAL MANAGER LESLIE NOR DOES IT COMMUNICATE WITH
HIM IN ANY WAY. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DEVELOP FROM IRCA NEW YORK ON DIAZ
GAITAN'S STATUS. WE WILL CONTACT DIAZ GAITAN TO GET HIS VIEWS
DIRECTLY.
MOSKOWITZ

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